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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER IS ABSENT ON A VISIT TO HUNGARY,

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I CALLED ON PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN

APRIL 29 AND MADE DEMARCHE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL.

2. JORGENSEN BEGAN HIS RESPONSE BY NOTING THAT DENMARK WAS GIVEN 15 MILLION KRONER (APPROXIMATELY \$2,750,000) FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE THEN NOTED THAT 205 MONTAGNARD CHILDREN WOULD ARRIVE IN DENMARK TOMORROW. THIS GOES "A LITTLE AGAINST OUR PRINCIPLES", HE EXPLAINED, BECAUSE DENMARK GENERALLY LIKES TO SEE SUCH CHILDREN RESETTLED IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES BUT IT WAS REALIZED THAT THESE CHILDREN FACED A SPECIAL PROBLEM. HOWEVER, HE EMPHASIZED, THEY WERE BEING ACCEPTED HERE ONLY WITH THE PROVISIO THAT DENMARK WOULD BE A TEMPORARY HAVEN FOR THEM. AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO SEE IF THEY COULD BE RETURNED TO VIETNAM AS SOON AS THE SITUATION THERE IS "TOLERABLE". THE POSSIBLE RESETTLEMENT OF THESE CHILDREN IN THAILAND WAS ALSO BEING EXPLORED WITH THE THAI AUTHORITIES. THE DANES WOULD, OF COURSE, PAY ANY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR RESETTLEMENT; IN ANY CASE HE ESTIMATED NOW THAT THE CHILDREN WOULD BE IN DENMARK FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

3. I NOTED THAT WHAT WE WERE ASKING IN OUR PRESENT DEMARCHE WAS SOMETHING MORE; FOR DENMARK TO ALLOW SOME VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO BE RESETTLED HERE PERMANENTLY. JORGENSEN SAID THAT HE REALIZED THIS, BUT HE COULD NOT SAY TODAY WHAT ACTION THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE. THEY WILL PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH THE UNHCR. I POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE UNHCR AS WELL AS WITH OTHER REFUGEE AND RELIEF AGENCIES AND WOULD WELCOME DANISH COOPERATION WITH THEM.

4. JORGENSEN CONCLUDED BY PROMISING THAT HE WOULD "INFORM THE GOVERNMENT" AND LET US KNOW WHAT DENMARK WILL DO.

5. COMMENT: THIS MAY WELL BE A SUBJECT ON WHICH THE DANES WILL WISH TO COORDINATE WITH THEIR NORDIC AND EC FRIENDS BEFORE REPLYING TO US.
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